WEB HAVING DISCRETE STEM REGIONS

Abstract of the Disclosure

A web of material having a multiplicity of discrete regions or patches spaced apart from each other on at least a first side of the web, and methods of making the web. A plurality of stems extend from each patch. In certain embodiments, at least a portion of the web may be configured to engage the plurality of the stems, and the web may include a breathable (microporous) and/or elastic material. A method of making a web includes providing a web and discrete quantities of a polymeric material. The polymeric material is fused to the web; and a plurality of stems are formed in each of the discrete quantities of the polymeric material to form fastener patches or regions. The discontinuous fastener patches can function as the male component of a hook-and-loop refastenable mechanical fastener.

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